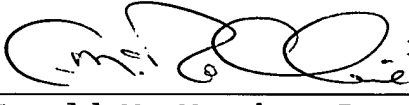


- ☐ Petition for () month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
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Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated August 25, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This paper includes:

Claim Set as Amended;
and Remarks.